

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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AMNESTY SCHEME FOR WILDLIFE PRODUCT HOLDERS

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people who have got registered their existing wildlife trophies and other wildlife products, especially shahtoosh shawl with the Government so far in order to legalise them;
- (b) whether the Government propose to announce a amnesty scheme for the people who had unknowingly bought wildlife products in the past; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) Registration of existing wildlife trophies and other wildlife products including Shahtoosh shawls declared by the owner is the responsibility of the State Government. Central Government does not maintain the data of individuals who have declared their possessions or obtained the ownership certificate under the provision of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

(b)&(c) As per the recent amendment in the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, any person, who could not make declaration under sub section (1) or sub section (4) of Section 40 earlier, has now been provided with an opportunity to declare to the Chief Wildlife Warden or the authorized officer of the concerned state any captive animal, animal article, trophy or uncured trophy derived from animals specified in Schedule-I or Part II of Schedule-II that are in his control, custody or possession.